Ministry of Education to act as Secretary to the fund. The Chairman will make grants to Universities for such purpose and on such conditions as he may deem fit.

(P. N. No. 105—1-9-1952).

Press Note.

As a measure of relief to the ryots whose dry lands in Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, suffered due to scanty rainfall during the year 1951-52, remission of one half of the dry assessment and suspension of the other half also, is sanctioned in respect of the lands in 189 villages in Koratagere Taluk, for the year 1951-52.

The sum to be remitted is Rs. 18,203-13-3.

(P. N. No. 106—1-9-1952).

Press Note.

FOOD OFFENCES DURING THE FORTNIGHT ENDED 31ST JULY, 1952.

1. Bangalore Corporation area.

For unauthorised transport of rationed foodgrains a person of Ulsoor was convited and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 10.

For certain irregularities in accounts, three food-licensees, including a Co-operative Society of III-B Division and one licensee of the VII Division, were administered warnings.

For allowing his ration depot go dry on 30th May 1952, a licensee of VII Division of the City was fined Rs. 10.

For using a defective scale for weighing sugar, a licensed retailer of II Division was fined Rs. 25.

Two licensed retailers in foodgrains of V and IV Divisions of Civil area were fined Rs. 25 and Rs. 10, respectively, for having issued invalid cheques towards the cost of the commodities supplied to them by the Department.

A Fuel Licensee of III Division, Civil Area, was warned for not maintaining accounts properly.

2. City of Mysore.

Two depot owners in I Circle were fined Rs. 50 and Rs. 25, respectively, for having shown heavy shortages and also surcharged.

Five depot owners in II Circle were surcharged for having shown shortages.

A ration depot license of a society was cancelled for not having executed the necessary departmental Muchalika.

Three depot licensees including a society were severely warned for certain irregularities noticed in the depots.

Six depot owners including a society were fined for not having sent the prescribed statements (weekly).

A depot owner was fined Rs. 15 for having issued a cheque towards payment of the cost of foodgrains without sufficient funds at his credit in the bank.

A depot owner was severely warned for having given an improper cheque.

(P. N. No. 107—2-9-1952).

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Press Note.

Extension of Electricity to Rural Areas.

Several representations are being constantly received from the people residing in the rural areas, pressing Government for the extension of electricity to their places both for lighting and irrigation purposes. Most of the representations relate to the supply of power to irrigation pumping sets to grow more food. Government are indeed fully aware of the need for the extension of electricity to almost all the rural parts with a view to make this amenity available to all people. A gross return of two per cent on the capital outlay was considered as an acceptable return on the capital investment in the case of rural electrification schemes. In the case of power supply to irrigation pumping sets, no line minimum is insisted upon; and this is with a view to encourage the ryots to grow more food with the help of irrigation pumping sets. Accordingly, rural electrification schemes yielding this return of two per cent and above were being considered till now.

But, it is found quite essential that the return on the capital outlay shou'd, at least, cover interest on capital, depreciation and maintenance charges, if any scheme is to be considered as practicable. The Electrical Department will have to incur loss in taking up unremunerative schemes, by meeting the maintenance charges, etc., and the returns are also not very promising. In addition to this, several irrigation pumping sets are installed in out of the way places, with the result that thefts of copper wire are occurring very frequently and the Electrical Department is losing heavily on account of this also. Therefore extension of electricity to rural areas without consideration of the return will tell upon the working of the Electrical Department.

It is, therefore, hereby notified for the information of the public that, in future, all such schemes both for rural electrification and for power supply to irrigation pumping sets, which do not yield the required return on the capital outlay will have to be deferred or kept back.

(P.N. No. 108—3-9-1952).

Press Note.

Passport system for India-Pakistan travel to be in force from 15th October 1952.

It is hereby notified for the information of the public that a system of passports for travel between India and Pakistan will be in force from 15th October 1952, replacing the Permit System. According to this system, special passports valid for travel to Pakistan only will be issued at a cost of Rs. 3, valid for a period of one year in the first instance. These passports will be issued by the Government of Mysore.

Applications for India-Pakistan Passports, one for adults and the other for minors below the age of 15 years requiring separate passports, will be available at the Home Department of the Secretariat and also in the offices of the District Magistrates of Districts from 8th September 1952. The Government of Mysore will entertain applications for India-Pakistan Passports with effect from 11th September 1952.

(P.N. No. 109—3-9-1952).

Press Note.

Owing to failure of crops due to scanty rains, remission of half of the dry assessment to the extent of Rs. 8,867-15-0, in respect of the lands in 88 villages in Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District, and Rs. 4,275-13-6 in respect of 24 villages in Kolar Taluk, together with the suspension of the other half, is ordered for the year 1951-52.

(P.N. No. 110—3-9-1952).

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FOREST DEPARTMENT

BANGALORE FOREST DIVISION.

Notification.

Sale of jungle kind fuel in the area to be disafforested in Makli State Forest—82 acres yield about half a ton per acre.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove the jungle wood fuel in the above area will be sold by public auction, by the District Forest Officer, Bangalore District or any other officer deputed by him on Monday the 15th September 1952 at 2 P.M. in the District Forest Office, Bangalore District, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore 3. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer, or the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, as the case may be.

The sale will be held on acreage basis and the standing trees should be completely cut and removed leaving only fruit yielding trees like Honge and Hunse, if any.

Each bidder shall before he is permitted to bid produce a solvency certificate, in the prescribed form with an